

Veterans Memorial Improvement Committee
Wednesday, September 24, 2014 at 7:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers

<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Deloris Cass	_____	<u> X </u>
Joseph Ruth	_____	<u> X </u>
Leonard Smith	_____	<u> X </u>
Rita Zito	<u> X </u>	_____
Tom Davis	<u> X </u>	_____
Doris Davis	<u> X </u>	_____
Mary Cook	_____	<u> X </u>
Arthur Eaton	<u> X </u>	_____

Also Present:

Bob Stumpff, Public Works Director; Seth Gomoljak, Prospective Member; Julie Beavers, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M.

1. Review and Approval of the August 13, 2014 Minutes

Mr. Davis motioned to approve the minutes from August. Ms. Zito seconded the motion.

All were in favor. **The motion passed 4-0-0**

2. Discussion and Planning of the Veterans Day Program

- Speaker – Mary
Although Ms. Cook was not present at the meeting, she let Mrs. Davis know that she contacted four (4) prospective speakers and has not heard back from anyone. She will be in contact again soon.
- Music – Mary/Doris
Ms. Cook contacted an Acappella group but has not heard back. If needed, Mrs. Davis will ask her neighbors to perform at the event. If they can't then they may be able to contact the University of Maryland Performing Arts Center to see if a group from the University could perform.
- Gifts – Rita
Ms. Zito reported that Deputy Public Works Director, Brenda Alexander ordered 300 Tulip bulbs and delivered soon. Ms. Zito will make sixty (60) packages of 5 bulbs as gifts. Of course if the bulbs do not arrive in time then the committee can use the bookmarks as back up gifts.

- Plantings – Rita
The Tulip bulbs are ordered. Ms. Zito will coordinate with The Boy Scouts and Ms. Alexander about a planting date sometime in mid to late October. Ms. Zito reported that the current plants some that are flourishing and others that are gray and unattractive.
- Boy Scouts-
Since neither public nor parochial schools have off on Veteran's Day there may be less Boy Scouts to help with the program. Mr. Stumpff reported that there have been scouts in the past and they may go to a school that does have off. Ms. Zito will ask Ms. Allen to ask the Girl Scouts to pass out the gifts.
- Luncheon – Tom
Mr. Davis reported that Tuesday is a big bingo day at the American Legion. Bingo starts at 12 P.M. Mr. Davis will contact the leadership and see what they can do. Other suggestions were Davis Hall or the Moose Lodge. If the American Legion does not work out then Mr. Davis will contact the Moose Lodge.
- Photography – Arthur
Mr. Eaton stated he will be there with his camera and a back up. He will ask Ms. Colonomos if she is will be available to be the sign language interpreter.
- Public Works – Bob
Mr. Stumpff reported the memorial will be power washed before the program date. He also reported that Ms. Alexander nominated the memorial for Prince Georges County Beautification Awards. The memorial won one of the awards but could not be accepted by a representative because it was being presented at the same time as the meeting. Mr. Stumpff will call to retrieve the award.

Public Works will supply three (3) tables, three (3) black table covers, chairs and the trash can for used flags. Mr. Stumpff reported the sound technician is all set. The permit hasn't been approved yet from State Highway but that usually happens a week before.
- Water- Tom
Mr. Davis will purchase two (2) cases of small water bottles. Mr. Stumpff will supply the ice. Mr. Davis will deliver the water a week before.
- Prayers-
Ms. Christoffers will be asked to do the opening prayer. Mr. Ruth will be asked to do the closing prayer. If neither could do the prayers then Mr. Davis will contact the chaplain at the American Legion to see if he is available. He will also contact the Color Guard.

- Taps-
Ms. Davis will ask Ms. Sites to perform Taps since Mr. Cavanagh will be away at school.
- Signs-
Ms. Cook will count the number of signs and then order more if needed. Ms. Zito has two (2) in her garage and will put one in Cattail Hill and the other in Lakeland.

3. Old Business

Brian Bertges had invited the guests from the College Park Veteran's Day Program to come to the Veteran's Day event at Memorial Chapel. The Committee is concerned that their guests would not be able to walk to the Chapel and would not have a bus to transport them.

4. New Business

Mr. Gomoljak was asked to join the VMIC meeting by Ms. Cook. He gave his application to Ms. Cook and she will make sure it goes to the Mayor and Council. He has lived in College Park for 11 years. Currently he is President of the VFW of College Park.

Mr. Smith has not been at the most recent meetings. Ms. Davis will contact Ms. Allen about contacting him and to see if he is having difficulty attending the meetings.

Ms. Davis thanked Ms. Cook for chairing the last meeting.

Mr. Gomoljak will create fliers to advertise the Veteran's Day and drop them off the morning of College Park Day.

5. Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at 7:30 P.M.

Adjournment

Mr. Davis motioned to adjourn. Ms. Zito seconded the motion.

All were in favor. **The motion passed 4-0-0**

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 P.M.

Minutes prepared by: Julie Beavers, Contract Secretary